



Fall 2017 October • November • December

Halloween Haunts

Celebrate Halloween the Natural Way

October 19, 20 & 21

Looking for a Halloween event that is more about family fun than ghouls and candy? Wehr's 29th edition of Halloween Haunts has something for folks of all ages. Enjoy a magic show, a Halloween carnival and a walk along a Jack-O-Lantern lit trail into the Enchanted Forest to meet kooky characters that teach them about nature's misunderstood critters. Don't miss this evening of entertainment and education!

Advanced Tickets On Sale Now! \$10 per person \$7 per person Milwaukee County Resident or FOW Member
Tickets are for a specific hike time, starting between 6:30 to 8:30 pm
This event is sure to be a sell-out, so call soon!

NEW!

Join us for a special daytime version of our popular Halloween Haunts event. Designed for families with very young children and anyone who would like an accessible nature themed Halloween event. Our matinee will feature a self-guided walk into a Wetland Wonderland complete with costumed characters and special effects. Enjoy making a simple Halloween craft and visit with Wehr's live education animals.

Saturday 2 - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$5 per person; children one and under are free
Pre-registration is required for groups; individuals and families can pay at the door

CELEBRATE



Saturday, Nov. 11 5-7:30 pm

A warm fire welcomes guests to an evening of good food and friends. Beer Barons of Milwaukee will provide specially made seasonal beers to taste. Cheese and beer tasting starts the evening followed by a dinner of three seasonal stews and ending with delicious dessert buffet and ice cream sundae bar. A silent auction will help raise funds for the FOW Accessibility Project.

Fee: \$25 per person, includes one beverage of your choice; extras available for purchase
Reservations are appreciated.

Call (414) 425-8550 to make a reservation.

Owl Prowls

December 15 & 16

See pages 9 & 10 for details



Watercolor Journal Workshop

Thursday, November 2
6:30-8:30 pm



Wehr Naturally

See page 9 for details



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Center News

So Close...

Only \$100 from each FOW member will put us over the top!

Twenty-five years ago, the Wehr Nature Center building changed dramatically. Through a generous donation from the Marilyn Gardner Estate, many other donors, and the hard work of the Friends of Wehr and the FOW Building Committee, Wehr's too-small Visitor Center was transformed. A large multi-purpose classroom was built at the west end of the existing building and the reception area and staff offices were renovated. The former lecture area became a Nature Store and Animal Room. A new volunteer area and library became a meeting nook and a large basement under the multipurpose room was dug facilitating much-needed storage space. Everyone was so excited with the new addition/renovation. It seemed so spacious. That was in 1992. Wehr has once again outgrown the facility and again needs to expand to meet the changing needs of its visitors.

Over the past five years, the Friends of Wehr and the many supporters of the Nature Center have worked to improve the building and initiate an ambitious Accessibility Project. Now it's time to begin the largest and last phase of the FOW Accessibility Project, primarily the accessible restrooms. With the help of an extremely generous donation from long time volunteers, Ed and Connie Vidmar, the process began in 2017 to create plans and get all the required permissions to create accessible restrooms, as well as a new front entrance and expanded office space. The construction plans are currently being created. Once the plans are reviewed and approved by Milwaukee County Parks and the Friends of Wehr, construction bids can be requested.

Because restroom renovation will require shutting off water and closing the restrooms, the proposed plan will require closing the Visitor Center during a least-used time of year. Plans are for construction to take place in November and December of 2018.

It took a whole community working together to turn the first addition/renovation into reality. Likewise, recent upgrades of new windows, new amphitheater, and other parts of the Accessibility Project have taken the whole community working together. We now need the community to come together and help put our fund-raising efforts "over the top" so Wehr can grow to meet community needs once more. Because of your generous donations, past fund-raising events, and Park Amenity Match Funding, the goal is easily attainable. If every member of the Friends of Wehr could contribute just \$100, we would reach our goal of \$370,000. With other members of the community helping, we will exceed our goal and be able to add some of the extras like much needed improved lighting in the Fireplace Room and a new enclosure for an education owl. Please think of the FOW Accessibility Fund with your end of year donations.

NEW FACES AT WEHR

Brooke Gilley isn't exactly a "new face" at Wehr. Many of us remember her as a young Wehr volunteer of eleven when she "...met some amazing people and mentors". She has gone on to receive a Bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point and a Masters from Slippery Rock University, and spent six years working as a naturalist at the Woodlands Nature Station located in Land Between the Lakes National Recreational Area in Kentucky. She returned to Wisconsin last year to work at Schlitz Audubon Center and became full time with Wehr in August. Brooke brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Wehr, including expertise in raptor and mammal care, environmental education, and as a certified beekeeper.

Brooke has come full circle and we're happy to have her back as part of our Wehr staff. As she says, "It's nice to be returning home again to Wehr."

You may have noticed Holly Schneider, the "new face" manning the front desk. However, she can also be found in the adjacent office where she assists a grateful Carol Howard in many tasks. She now manages the Friends of Wehr Nature Store while still assisting Carol and working the front desk as needed. She also does some work as a teaching naturalist. Her goal is to "...to be part of advancing environmental awareness in our community"

Holly has a degree in Environmental Geography and has worked as a dental assistant as well as administrative assistant. She started volunteering at Wehr in 2016. She is fast becoming a "bird nerd" under the guidance of expert birder, Carol Howard, but also enjoys photography, live music, reading, kayaking, and spending time with her girls.

Holly has been attending programs at Wehr for many years, bringing her daughters (she has two, ages 16 and 23) to Little Wonders, and memorable evening astronomy programs like Comet Making. (Who could forget that?!) She loves the natural beauty of Wehr, going out on phenology hikes, and working with the staff.

Welcome, Holly. Glad to have you aboard.





Friends Of Wehr

Thank You! Your contributions to the Friends of Wehr are appreciated and always used with careful consideration.

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Friends of Wehr Announces New Membership Levels for 2018

For the first time in our history, the Friends of Wehr has almost 1000 members! Thank you to all our members for being part of this phenomenal growth. With the increase in our membership comes complexity and a need to streamline our membership categories which will simplify our renewal process. Our reconfigured membership categories include two new enhanced benefit levels and combines some existing categories, while keeping membership fees the same.

Membership Benefits

A Friends of Wehr membership will continue to be an annual membership (January- December) and include the following general membership benefits:

- Free parking
- 10% Nature Store discount
- Quarterly Wehr Words newsletter –print and/or electronic form
- Reduced fees on select Wehr events and programs
- Free admission to Cider Sunday
- Priority registration for Halloween Haunts

New Supporting, Sustaining, and Benefactor levels also include:

- Guest parking passes (see listing for specifics by category)
- Invitation-only hikes led by a naturalist
- Recognition in the Annual Report
- Eligibility for electronic monthly payments

Membership Levels and Fees

Category/Fee

Individual \$25

Family \$35

Senior (65+) –Individual or Family \$20

Supporting (2 guest parking passes)

\$100 or \$8.75 per month

Sustaining (4 guest parking passes)

\$250 or \$21.25 per month

Benefactor (6 guest parking passes)

\$500 or \$42.25 per month



Thank you to Jackie Crivello's
Wild Birds Unlimited for their
continuing support in keeping our bird
feeders full and our birds happy.

Wild Birds Unlimited located at 4454
S. 108th St. Greenfield.



WEHR WORDS - Editor: Bev Bryant
Contributors: Deb McRae, Jim Wroblewski,
Mary Gaub, Karen Kerans





Nature Volunteer News

Upcoming Opportunities for Current Volunteers

Earth Care Crews: Thursdays, Oct. 5 and 12, 9-11 am

Buckthorn Busting:

Wednesdays, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, 9-11 am

Help us target and remove exotic Buckthorn and Honeysuckle. Learn how to identify and remove these exotic plant species.

Dotty's Crafters:

Wednesdays, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 1-3 pm.

Halloween Haunts: See box below.

Homemade Holidays:

Saturday, Dec. 2, shifts between 10 am and 4 pm.

Online sign-up through Volgistics will be available November 1.



Bakers Wanted!

We need donations of homemade sugar cookies for children to decorate at Homemade Holidays. Bake as many as you like and deliver by **Friday, December 1.**

Call Wehr to get the special recipe for your cookies.

Wehr's Annual Volunteer Celebration

Sunday, November 5, 2017, 12-3 pm

The many remarkable contributions of our volunteers fill us with thanks! Join us for a special "Thanks for Giving" themed celebration, complete with a traditional Thanksgiving feast: we'll provide the turkey and volunteers are asked to bring their favorite Thanksgiving side dish to share. Brian Russart, Milwaukee County Parks Natural Areas Manager, will join us after lunch to share the astounding natural resources found throughout our park system (including Wehr Nature Center!). Brian has overseen the Parks Department's 10,000-acre Natural Areas Program for the past seven years with a focus on ecological restoration, wildlife research and community engagement. Space is limited so please RSVP by October 27 through Volgistics, and let us know what dish you are bringing.



Halloween Haunts

It takes hundreds of volunteers to make Halloween Haunts happen. Online sign-up on Volgistics available September 1

Decorating – Sunday, Oct. 15, 4-6 pm

We need people to climb ladders to hang crepe paper, blow up balloons, and decorate the walls with creepy cut-outs.

Pumpkin Carving - Wednesday, Oct. 18, 9 am to 3 pm

Join the happy crew that creates the spectacular Jack-o-lanterns that line the Enchanted Forest Trail. No experience necessary and we provide ideas for faces.

Dress Rehearsal - Monday, Oct. 16, 6 pm for Characters; 6:30pm for Guides

Volunteers portraying characters or working as an Enchanted Forest guide must attend this rehearsal.

Event Help - Evenings of Thurs., Fri. and Sat., Oct. 19, 20 & 21;

shift times vary Serve popcorn, help with games and crafts, lead walks, or haul and light Jack-o-lanterns.

Special Effect Crew - Wed., Oct. 18 2-6 pm, Thurs., Oct. 19, 2-10 pm,

Fri. Oct. 20, 4-10 pm, and Sat., Oct. 21, 4-10 pm.

Physically fit, agile volunteers needed to help set-up special effects and displays on the Haunted Trail.

New Saturday Afternoon Matinee – We are adding an additional hike for

families with children four and younger and people with special needs from **1:30-3:00 PM Saturday.** Volunteers are needed to help as greeters, characters, crafters, and character assistants.

Thanks for Giving!



Ongoing Opportunities:

Phenology, Wheel 'n Chip Society, Critter Care, Office Work and more! To find descriptions of volunteer opportunities, become a volunteer, and sign-up to help go to:

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/volunteer/>

Fill out an online application or contact Mary Gaub at mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu or 414-425-8550

New volunteers are always welcome!



Click to email!

New Volunteers

The following new people joined Wehr's volunteer crew between May 13 and August 15, 2017. Please say "Hi" and welcome them to the Wehr family next time you see them.

Lucas Amell

Carol Buran

Lisa Clark

Mary Dwyer

Maria Imp

Haryune Kim

Thomas Mangi

Matthew Musack

Patricia Pomahac

Andrew Rogalinski

Carley Rudd

Anne Schamberg

Jennifer Silva

Rebecca Solberg

Tess Stahler

Shanah Wooldrage

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  11:30 am-4:30 pm	2	3 Wehr Astronomical Society 7 pm TBA	4  10:30 -11:30 am Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm	5 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	6	7
8 Wehr Naturally: Wreath Making Workshop 1:30-3:30 pm  Wehr Naturally	9 Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-12 pm	10	11  10:30 -11:30 am Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society 7 pm "Seeing the World Through the Eyes of Birds" Dennis Miller, WNC Volunteer	12 Earth Care Crew 9-11 am	13	14 Wehr Camera Club 9-11 am Wild Ones 1:30-3:30 pm
15 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am Yoga of the Autumn Forest 10 am-12 pm  Halloween Haunts Decorating 4-6 pm 	16 Halloween Haunts Rehearsal 6-8 pm 	17	18  10:30 -11:30 am Halloween Haunts Pumpkin Carving 9 am-3:00 pm 	19 20 21 Wehr Opens at Noon Halloween Haunts 6:30-8:30 pm  Hallowee Haunts Matinee 2-3:30 pm Saturday		
22 Wehr Opens at Noon	23	24	25  10:30 -11:30 am Buckthorn Busting 9-11 am	26	27	28 Glacial Ghosts: Ice Age History of Whitnall Park Held at Mangan Woods 9-11 am Taking Care of Your Mind-Body Connection 10-11:30 am
29 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 am  NatureNauts 1-2 pm	30 NatureNauts 9:30-10:30 am Photos for Wehr Photo Contest Due By 4 pm	31				For more information call 414-425-8550 All programs & events subject to change. Parking fees may apply.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Wehr Nature Center is Closed Annual Volunteer Celebration Noon-3 pm 	Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon				Wehr Camera Club 9-11 am  Flavors of Fall Fundraiser 5-7:30 pm
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DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	<p>4 Little Wonders 2 yr olds 9:30-10:30 am 3 yr olds 11 am-noon</p>	5	<p>6 Dotty's Crafters 1-3 pm</p>	7	8	<p>9 Wehr Camera Club 9-11 am Wild Ones 1:30-3:30 pm</p>
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<p>17 Yoga for Wellness 8:30-9:30 pm </p>	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>24 Merry Christmas! Wehr is Closed</p>	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>January 1 Happy New Year Wehr is Closed</p>	<p>December 27-31 Wehr Open Noon - 4 pm</p>					<p>Winter Walk at Wehr 31 12:30-2 pm</p>



Nature Discovery For Children

Little Wonders

A program for 2 and 3 year olds to share with their favorite adult

Times: 9:30-10:30 am for 2 Year Olds 11 am-Noon for 3 Year Olds

Falling Leaves

Monday, October 9

Celebrate the beauty of autumn with your toddler as we learn about trees. We will read *Fall Leaves Fall* by Zoe Hall and learn about colorful leaves. Children will create leaf art, go for a leaf collecting walk, and enjoy an autumn snack.

Turkey Trot

Mondays, November 6 & 20

Tots will do the turkey trot as they learn all about these beautiful birds. We will read *I'm a Turkey* by Jim Arnosky and discover all about the lives of wild turkeys. We will



walk, talk and eat like wild turkeys too! Tots will make a terrific turkey craft to share at the Thanksgiving table.

Bear Hunt

Monday, December 4

Grab your teddy bear and join us for a bear hunt. We will learn about what wild bears do to get ready for winter and then take our teddies on an adventure. A snack fit for a bear awaits tots at the end of their journey.

NatureNauts

A series of fun-filled programs for children 4-6 years old and their favorite adult

Times: 1-2 pm for Sunday Classes

9:30-10:30 am for Monday Classes

Nocturnal Naturenauts

Sunday, October 29 and Monday, October 30

The sun goes down and animals emerge. Discover which animals are active at night and learn about their special adaptations. Making a special appearance will be several nocturnal animals.

Turkey Tales

Sunday, November 12 & Monday, November 13

NatureNauts will delight in dancing the "Turkey Trot" as they discover what makes turkeys terrific! Everyone will make their own turkey craft for the holiday.

Star Stories

Sunday, December 10 & Monday, December 11

How were the stars named? Join us to discover the amazing stories passed down through the ages.

Everyone will "blast off" to the stars in Wehr's own portable planetarium—The Starlab! Make your own craft constellation.



Pre-registration is required for all children's programs Deadline is the Friday before the program date
Fees: \$12 per child \$10 Milwaukee County Residents \$7 Friends of Wehr Members



Nature Discovery for Adults

Watercolor Journal Workshop

Thursday, November 2 6:30-8:30 pm

Whether you are a novice or experienced artist, join us for a fall-themed watercolor class. Artist Chris Mode returns to give us tips and demonstrate techniques that help everyone go home with their own masterpiece.

Fee: \$30 per person; \$25 for Friends of Wehr Members



Beavers 101

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2:30-4:30 pm

What is 60 pounds, eats its weight in plants every month, and can out engineer an MIT graduate? A beaver, of course! Join a naturalist to learn about the amazing life history of Whitnall Park's most fascinating creatures. We will begin inside for an interactive presentation about beaver biology and then walk along the lake shore to look at a lodge and other beaver signs.

*Fee: \$12 per person \$10 for Milwaukee County residents
\$7 for Friends of Wehr Members*

Registration is required by two days before the program.



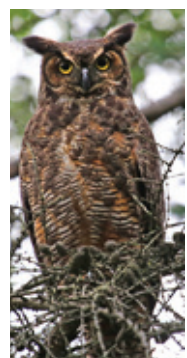


Paint and Pour Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 2, 6-8 pm

Paint & Pour is back again, but instead of canvas, we'll be painting glass! If this sounds like expert territory, have no fear. We'll share clever techniques to make simple look superb. Painted wine glasses or plates make lovely gifts. No art experience needed. We supply all the materials, plenty of wine and refreshments.

*Fees: \$25 per person; \$20 for Friends of Wehr Members
Fee includes all materials as well as light snacks and beverages
Registration is required two days prior to the program*



Owl Prowl for Adults

Friday, December 15, 7-9 pm

Join a naturalist for an evening out with the owls. An interactive program will highlight the habits and adaptations of our nocturnal neighbors. Then we will walk the woodlands of Wehr listening and looking for great horned owls and Eastern screech owls.

*Fee: \$12 per person
\$10 for Milwaukee County resident
\$7 for Friends of Wehr Members*

Registration is required by two days before the program

Wellness Activities at Wehr

Enjoy the beauty of nature while you work towards your health and wellness goals.

Yoga of the Autumn Forest

Sunday, October 15, 10 am-12 pm

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the forest, gaining seasonal insights that will inspire a healthier you! Join yoga instructor Katy Martens and Certified Arborist Will Martens for a morning of mindful walking, calm reflection, gentle yoga, and meditation. After our walk through the woods, you will be led through a series of gentle yoga poses, giving you time to relax and reflect on the morning's teachings.

Reservations guarantee a space.

Walk-ins are welcome as space allows.

Fee: \$17 per person; \$12 for Friends of Wehr Members

Yoga for Wellness

Sunday mornings, 8:30-9:30 am

Oct. 15, 29 ; Nov. 12, 19; Dec. 10, 17, 2017

Join Yoga instructor Katy Martens for a morning of yoga surrounded by the beautiful sights and sounds of Wehr Nature Center.

For more information and fees, please visit:

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/yoga-for-wellness/>

Taking Care of Yourself: Mind-Body Connection

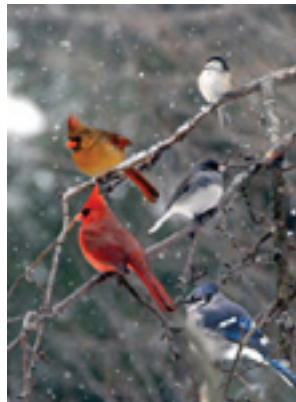
Saturday, October 28, 10-11:30 am

Or Thursday, November 16, 6-7:30 pm

Do you have a hard time relaxing and enjoying the holiday season? Is your to-do list longer than your wish list? Amid holiday cooking, shopping, decorating, Christmas card writing, gift wrapping, and entertaining there's barely time to take a breath – or is there? Come to a workshop that will help train your “monkey mind” to see Zen in holiday hustle and bustle.

*Fee: \$12 per person, \$10 for Milwaukee County resident,
\$7 for Friends of Wehr Members*

Registration is required two days prior to the program



Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, Dec. 16, 9 am-4 pm

Come and meet up with some of the most talented and persistent birders in the area to count birds for the longest running bird count ever. Beginner and veteran birdwatchers are welcome! Join us for a potluck chili lunch- we supply the chili and you can bring a side or dessert.

Free, but preregister by Dec. 15.



Nature Discovery for Families



Sunday, October 1, 11:30 am-4:30 pm

Cider Sunday is THE place to kick off the fall season. This popular event features cider press demonstrations, FREE cider tasting, live music, crafts for kids, guided nature walks and lots of yummy food. Apples from Patterson's Orchard will be for sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of Wehr and assist the needs of Wehr Nature Center.

\$3 per person (2 & under Free) Free for FOW Members

Glacial Ghosts Saturday, October 28, 9-11 am

Location: Program will start from the Whitnall Park golf course parking lot on 92nd St

The Ice Age lives on! Join us for a hike back 15,000 years to an era when glaciers were in retreat and mammoths roamed. Discover how glaciers left their mark to create the Whitnall Park we enjoy today. See up close the kettles, moraines, erratics, and other glacial features. Be prepared to hike over uneven terrain and possible muddy trails.

Fee: \$12 per person; \$10 for Milwaukee County residents; \$7 for Friends of Wehr Members

*Recommended for families with children ages 8 and older
Registration is required by two days prior to the program*

Halloween Haunts

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday October 19, 20, & 21
Hikes Start between 6:30 and 8:30 pm**

Join a Night Traveler for a haunting, humorous, and informative trek through the Enchanted Forest. Meet creepy characters along the Jack-o-lantern lit trail. Refreshments, fortune telling, games, and much more greet little ghosts when they return to the Gardner Room.

Ticket Prices: \$10 per person \$7 per Milwaukee County resident or Friends of Wehr Members Tickets can be purchased in person or over the phone with a credit card.

*This event is designed for adults and children four and older
Advanced ticket purchases only. No tickets will be sold at the door
Limit of 15 tickets per person*

*Tickets can be picked up at Wehr or mailed for a \$5 service fee
Tickets are non-refundable, non-exchangeable and the program runs rain or shine*

NEW! Halloween Haunts Matinee **Saturday, October 21, 2-3:30 pm**

Join us for a special daytime version of our popular Halloween Haunts event. Designed for families with very young children and anyone who would like an accessible nature themed Halloween event our matinee will feature a self-guided walk into a Wetland Wonderland complete with costumed characters and special effects. Enjoy making a simple Halloween craft and visit with Wehr's education animals.

*Fee: \$5 per person; children one and under are free
Pre-registration is required for groups; individuals and families can pay at the door*

Wehr will strive to provide any needed accommodation. Please contact Emily at emily.brown@milwaukeecountywi.gov for assistance.



Homemade Holiday Open House

**Saturday, December 2
11 am-3 pm**

Bring your children to Wehr to create homemade gifts from natural, recyclable and reusable objects. Children can make and take three different projects for the admission fee (additional projects are \$1.00). Stop by anytime during the Open House hours to make your works of art.

*Fee: \$6 per participant \$5 for Friends of Wehr Members
\$1 for additional crafts*

*Pre-registration is required for scout groups; families and individuals may pay at door
Recommended for children ages 5 and older*

Owl Prowl for Families

Saturday, December 16

Twilight Session: 3:30-5:30 pm

Evening Session: 6:30-8:30 pm

Join a naturalist for an evening with the owls. An interactive program will highlight the amazing adaptations of our nocturnal neighbors. Come prepared for a walk in the woodlands of Wehr in search for the great horned owl and Eastern screech owl.

*Fee: \$12 per person,
\$10 for Milwaukee County residents,
\$7 for Friends of Wehr Members*

Recommended for families with children ages 6 and older



Winter Walk at Wehr Sunday, December 31, 12:30-2 pm

Join us for a Winter Wonderland Walk. Discover how plants and wildlife thrive in our harsh northern climate. After our walk, warm up by our roaring fireplace while being treated to a cup of steaming hot chocolate.

Fee: \$12 per person, \$10 for Milwaukee County residents, \$7 for Friends of Wehr Members Recommended for families with children ages 6 and older. Please contact our accessibility coordinator, Emily, at emily.brown@milwaukeecountywi.gov for assistance. Registration is required by two days prior to the program



Community Organizations

Wehr is fortunate to host several organizations who share their passion and knowledge about the natural world with the public. For more information about these organizations and details about their programs, please visit their websites or call Wehr (414) 425-8550.

Wehr Camera Club is dedicated to sharing a passion for photography and nature. Visit <http://www.wnccc.net> for program information. Public programs are held the 2nd Saturday, September through June, from 9-11 am.

Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society that encourages environmental stewardship through education and conservation. Public programs are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm, September through May. Visit www.wimetroaudubon.org for program information.

Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers, Inc. supports the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities by promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. Meetings are held at WNC from 1:30-3:30 pm the second Saturday, Sept. through April. Email questions to wildones.wehr@gmail.com. Web: <http://milwaukee-southwestwehr.wildones.org/>

Wehr Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers who promote the study of astronomy. Meetings are from 7-9 pm the 2nd Tuesday of February through June and September & November; 1st Tuesday evening in October. Look for us on Facebook.

Photo Contest

Don't forget to turn in your entries for the 2017 Wehr Camera Club Photo Contest. The Contest is open to all ages and you do not need to be a member of the Wehr Camera Club. Pictures must be taken in 2017 and at Wehr Nature Center. Entries are due Oct. 30 and should be turned in matted not framed at Wehr. For a complete set of rules and information please see the Friends of Wehr website.

<http://www.friendsofwehr.org/photo-contest/>

Thank you to Arts Camera for sponsoring the youth portion of the contest.



Hike along with this group that walks Wehr's trails together for camaraderie, exercise and fun.

Meet in the Visitor Center.

Every Wednesday in October & November; does not meet in December

10:30-11:30 am

No fee or registration required; regular parking fee in effect



Wehr Naturally- Wreath Making Workshop

Sunday, Oct. 8, 1:30-3:30 pm

Do something different this fall to decorate your home by making something bad into something good. Join us to create a holiday wreath from one of Wehr's aggressive invasive plants- Eurasian Bittersweet. Participants will use natural objects to create a seasonal wreath out of a pre-shaped form made from bittersweet harvested at Wehr.

Pre-registration required 2 days prior to the program

Fee: \$25 per person

\$20 for Friends of Wehr Members



Wehr Naturally



For all your Holiday gift giving, shop at AmazonSmile and they will give back to Wehr Nature Center! Just switch your regular Amazon account to AmazonSmile-all the same shopping, shipping, etc.-even Prime.

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Cricut Maker



Check out this donation item on AmazonSmile! Click the image and go to the AmazonSmile page. Use your AmazonSmile account that gives back to Wehr for whatever you buy! (See page 11 for more info.)

If you are interested in donating any of these items, or would like to contribute money towards their purchase, please contact Carol at (414) 425-8550. Your contributions are tax deductible when made to the **Friends of Wehr**.

Wish List

Gift cards to Joanne Fabric and Michael's

Click!



Click!

Green and red fabric
ribbon (1/4" to 1/2" wide)



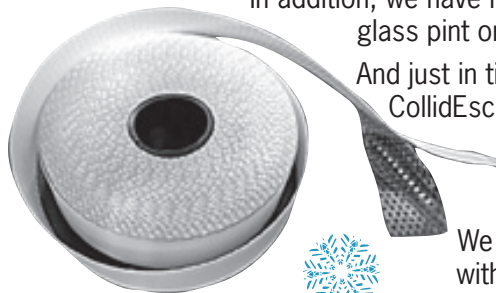
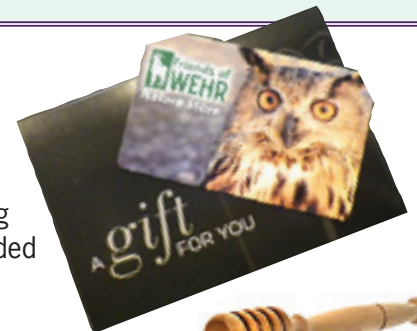
FRIENDS OF WEHR NATURE STORE

The Friends of Wehr Nature Store is excited to offer new Gift Cards for your shopping convenience! These gift cards can be used to purchase any store item, can be reloaded and have no expiration date, making them the perfect gift for the nature-lover in your life.

In addition, we have new products such as delicious raw, local honey, available in glass pint or half-pint jars.

And just in time for fall bird migration, the Nature Store is now offering CollidEscape bird tape, which prevents bird window collisions by up to 80%. The bird tape is UV coated, but clear, which lets the birds see the glass while letting you see out.

We are proud to feature Nature Center apparel with the new Friends of Wehr Nature Center logo on t-shirts, sweatshirts, caps and more.



And just in time for holiday shopping - our annual **Snowflake Sale!** Pick a snowflake to see if you get a 10%, 15%, or 20% discount. (FOW members automatically get 15% off but you can still try for the 20% off snowflake!) Sale runs November 25 - December 31.

All proceeds go to Friends of Wehr to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center.

Open 8:30 am-4 pm

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM (JANUARY – DECEMBER)

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE		
EMAIL ADDRESS		

Personal information will not be shared or sold

Mail To: Friends of Wehr, 9701 W College Ave, Franklin, WI 53132

MEMBERSHIP TYPES – PLEASE CIRCLE	PAYMENT METHOD – CIRCLE ONE
Individual - \$25	Cash Check (payable to Friends of Wehr) Visa Discover Mastercard EFT
Family - \$35	Credit Card #:
Senior (65+) Individual or Family - \$20	Exp. Date: Security Code:
Supporting - \$100 or \$8.75/month	Signature
Sustaining - \$250 or \$21.75/month	Complete below if you wish to pay via automatic monthly installments
Benefactor - \$500 or \$42.25/month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic Funds Transfer (see note* below before checking and signing)
Additional Donation \$ -	Transfer \$ from my checking account each month
Additional Parking Pass - \$5.00	Signature:
	Date:
FOR STAFF USE ONLY	Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization (Supporting, Sustaining & Benefactor Membership Categories ONLY) * I wish to start Electronic Funds Transfers. I have attached a voided check (required). I understand that the amount indicated above will be withdrawn automatically from my account each month until I notify the Friends of Wehr that I want to stop. My signature (and date) above confirms that I understand this.
Total Amount Paid:	
Cash Check Number:	
Credit Card (last 4 digits):	
Staff Initials: Date:	

Effective September 1, 2017